

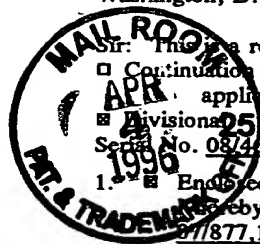
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The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No. MERCK 1753 D1
Prior Application: 08/466,068
Examiner: R. Trice
Art Unit: 2515



Sir: This is a request for filing a

☐ Continuation
☒ application under 37 CFR 1.60, of pending prior application

☒ Divisional
Serial No. 08/466,068 filed on June 6, 1995, of Günter BAUR ET AL. for Electrooptical Liquid Crystal Switching Element.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor signed prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the latest inventor signed prior application Serial No. 07/877,187, as originally filed on August 6, 1992, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	19 - 20	0	\$22	.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3	0	\$78	.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED				
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status Claimed under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27			BASIC FEE	\$750.00
Statement(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filed in Parent			TOTAL FILING FEE	\$750.00

3. ☒ The amount of \$ 750.00 is included in the attached check.

☒ If a check is not attached, authorization is given to charge the amount indicated in the above sentence to Deposit Account No. 13-3402; two copies of this page being attached for this purpose.

4. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-3402 in the amount of \$ _____, two copies of this sheet are attached.

5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

6. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

7. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: Amend patent # 5,576,867
- This is a ☐ continuation, ☒ division, of the application Serial No. 08/466,068 filed June 6, 1995, now pending, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/363,968 filed December 23, 1994, abandoned, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/877,187 filed August 6, 1992, also abandoned, which is the national phase of PCT/EP91/00022. --

8. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

9. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed. ☐ No drawings.

10. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. P4000451.1 filed on January 9, 1990, in Germany, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

11. ☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 07/877,187 filed August 6, 1992, via the PCT.

12. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Merck Patent Gesellschaft Mit Beschränkter Haftung.

13. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to I. William Millen (19,544); John L. White (17,746); Anthony J. Zelano (27,969); Harry S. Shubin (32,004); John R. Moses (24,983); Brion P. Heaney (32,542); Richard J. Traverso (30,595); Diana Hamlet-King (33,302); Richard E. Kurtz (33,936); John A. Sopp (33,103); and Richard M. Lebovitz (37,067) via Power of Attorney filed March 1, 1996.

☐ a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☒ b. Address all future communications to MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.

14. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

Date: April 4, 1996

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Declaration

In my capacity as a translator for the English language duly registered, commissioned and sworn in by the President of the Munich I Regional Court (Landgericht München I) I hereby verify the following:

The attached English translation is a true and complete version of a copy of the original documents presented to me in the German language.

Munich, June 17, 1992

Ursula Scherz



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